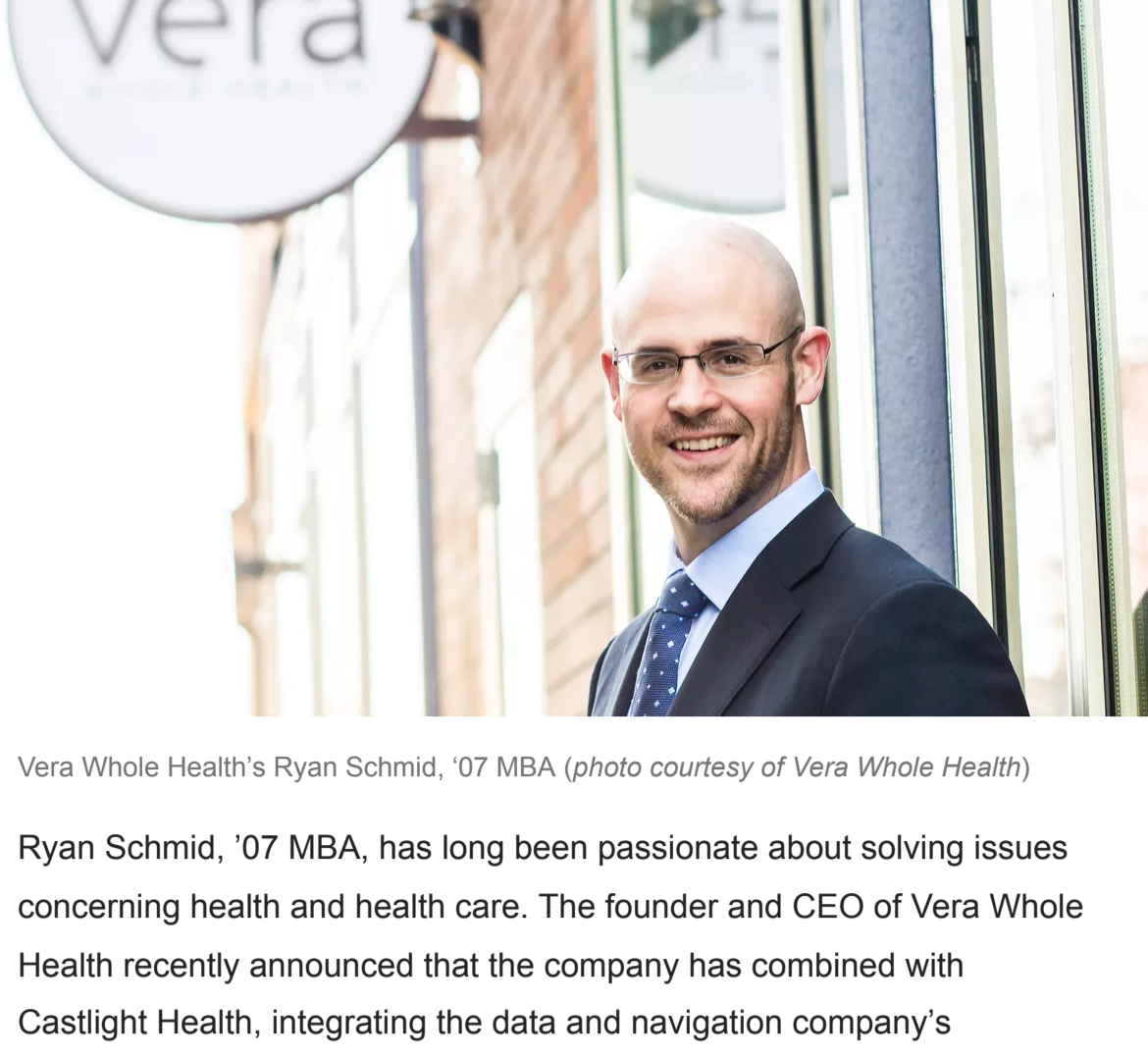


Inside Seattle U

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Top news from Seattle University, a staple of Seattle's economic, social and cultural fabric—offering students unparalleled access to leading businesses, nonprofits and professional networks.

Vera Whole Health Acquires Industry-Leader Castlight in \$370M Deal



Vera Whole Health's Ryan Schmid, '07 MBA (photo courtesy of Vera Whole Health)

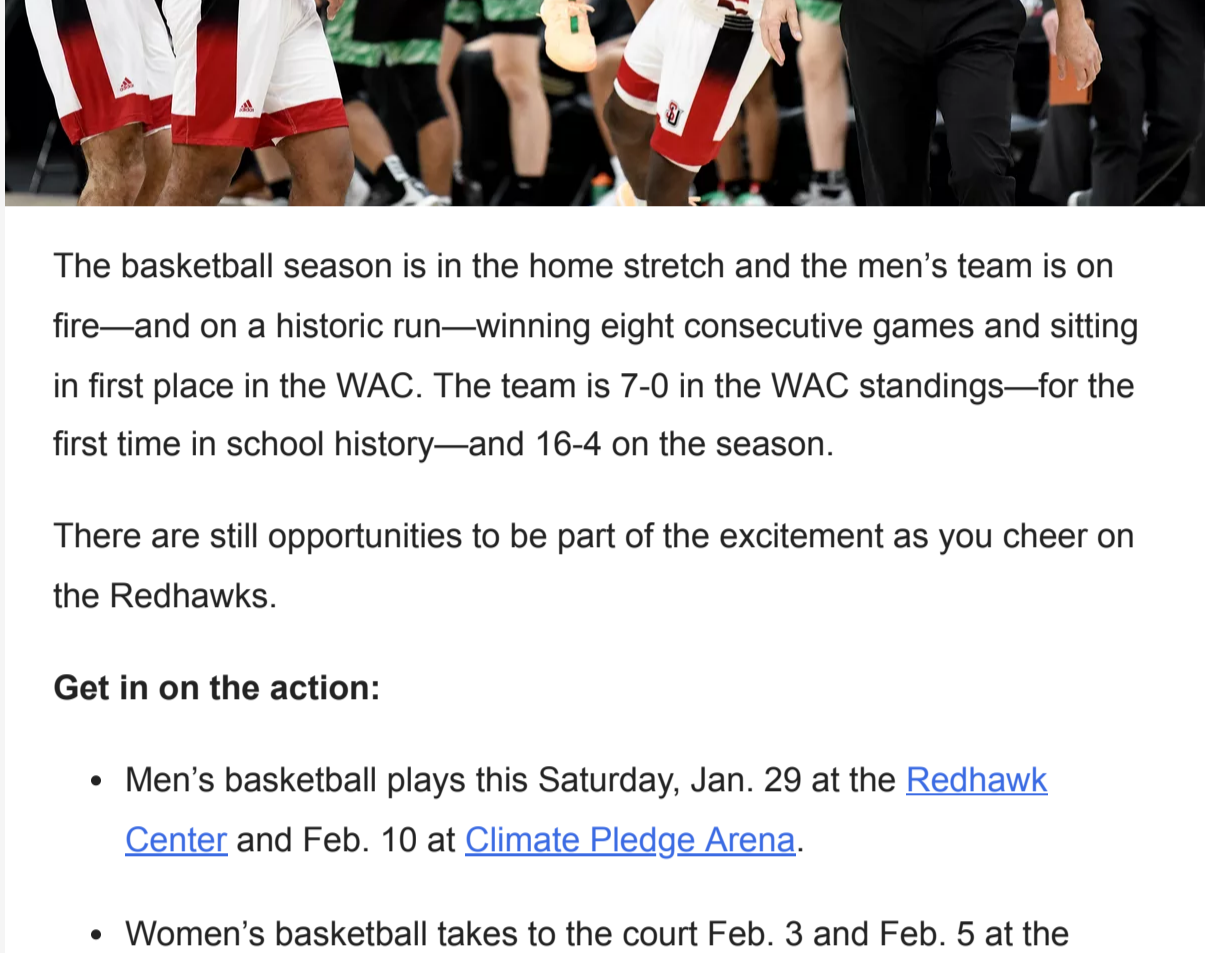
Ryan Schmid, '07 MBA, has long been passionate about solving issues concerning health and health care. The founder and CEO of Vera Whole Health recently announced that the company has combined with Castlight Health, integrating the data and navigation company's technology with Vera's purpose-built clinics, health care professionals and strategic partnerships.

Why it matters:

- GeekWire reports that Vera Whole Health will acquire all outstanding shares of the San Francisco-based Castlight for approximately \$370 million. [View the full article for more details.](#)
- This spring marks the 15th anniversary of Vera Whole Health winning the Albers School of Business Harriet Stephenson Business Plan Competition, which provided \$10,000 in initial seed money.
- Founded in 2008, Vera Whole Health is now a \$400 million company revolutionizing health care.

Learn more about Ryan and the success of Vera Whole Health in the Winter/Spring 2022 Seattle University Magazine, out March 15.

Men's Hoops on Top in WAC Action



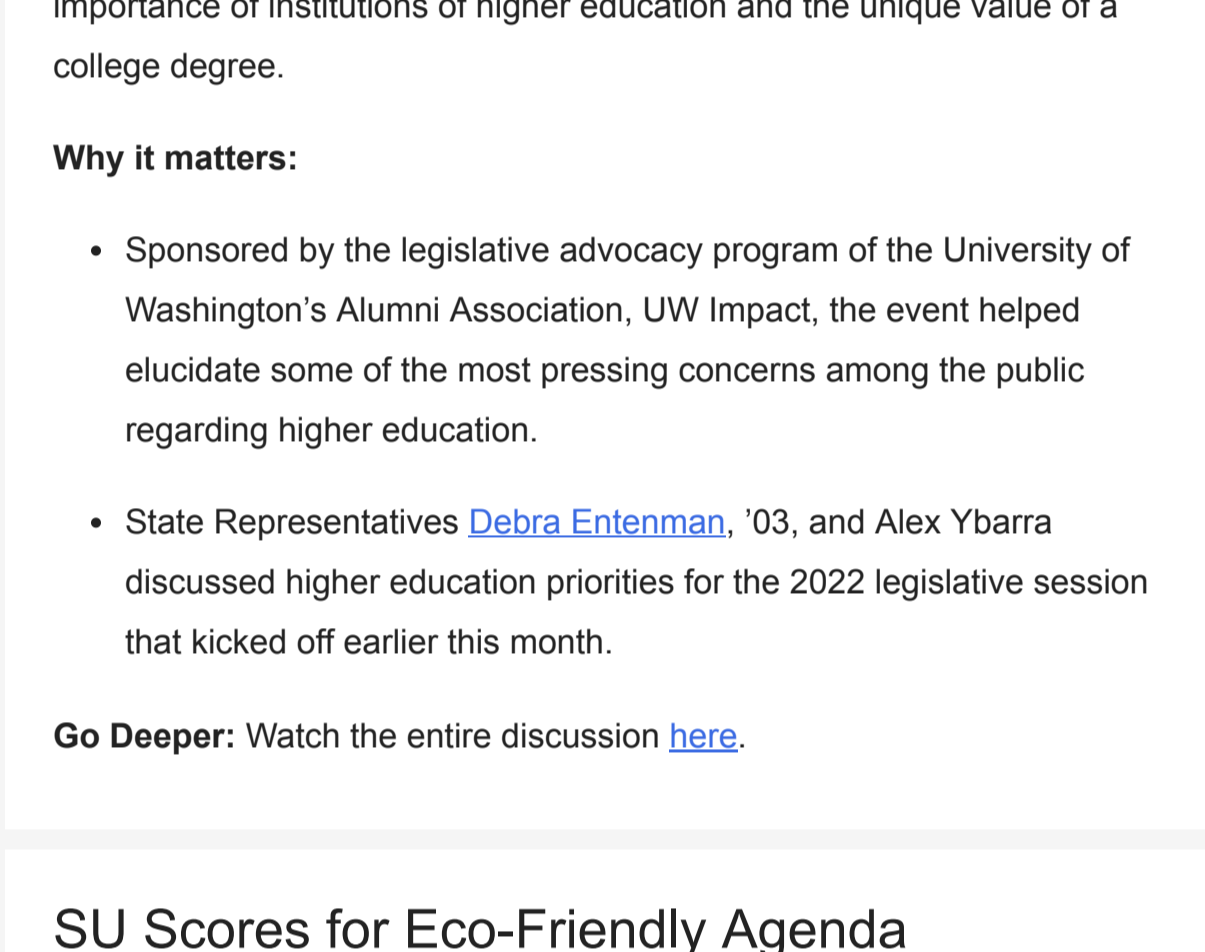
The basketball season is in the home stretch and the men's team is on fire—and on a historic run—winning eight consecutive games and sitting in first place in the WAC. The team is 7-0 in the WAC standings—for the first time in school history—and 16-4 on the season.

There are still opportunities to be part of the excitement as you cheer on the Redhawks.

Get in on the action:

- Men's basketball plays this Saturday, Jan. 29 at the [Redhawk Center](#) and Feb. 10 at [Climate Pledge Arena](#).
- Women's basketball takes to the court Feb. 3 and Feb. 5 at the [Redhawk Center](#).

Presidents Discuss Higher Ed Future



Seattle University President Eduardo Peñalver appeared alongside University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce for the virtual event, "Restoring Public Trust in Higher Education."

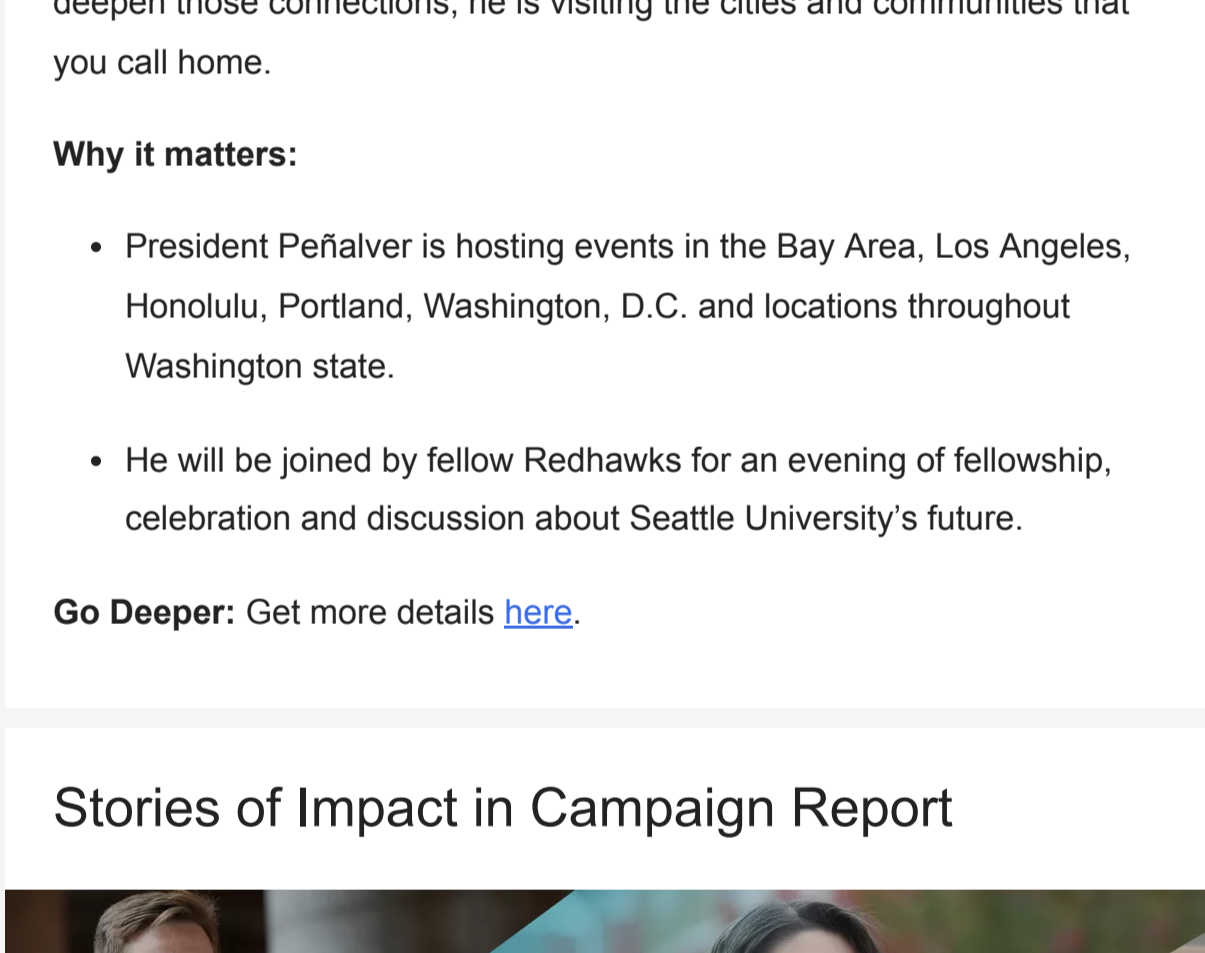
[President Peñalver](#) provided his perspectives and insights about the importance of institutions of higher education and the unique value of a college degree.

Why it matters:

- Sponsored by the legislative advocacy program of the University of Washington's Alumni Association, UW Impact, the event helped elucidate some of the most pressing concerns among the public regarding higher education.
- State Representatives [Debra Entenman](#), '03, and Alex Ybarra discussed higher education priorities for the 2022 legislative session that kicked off earlier this month.

Go Deeper: Watch the entire discussion [here](#).

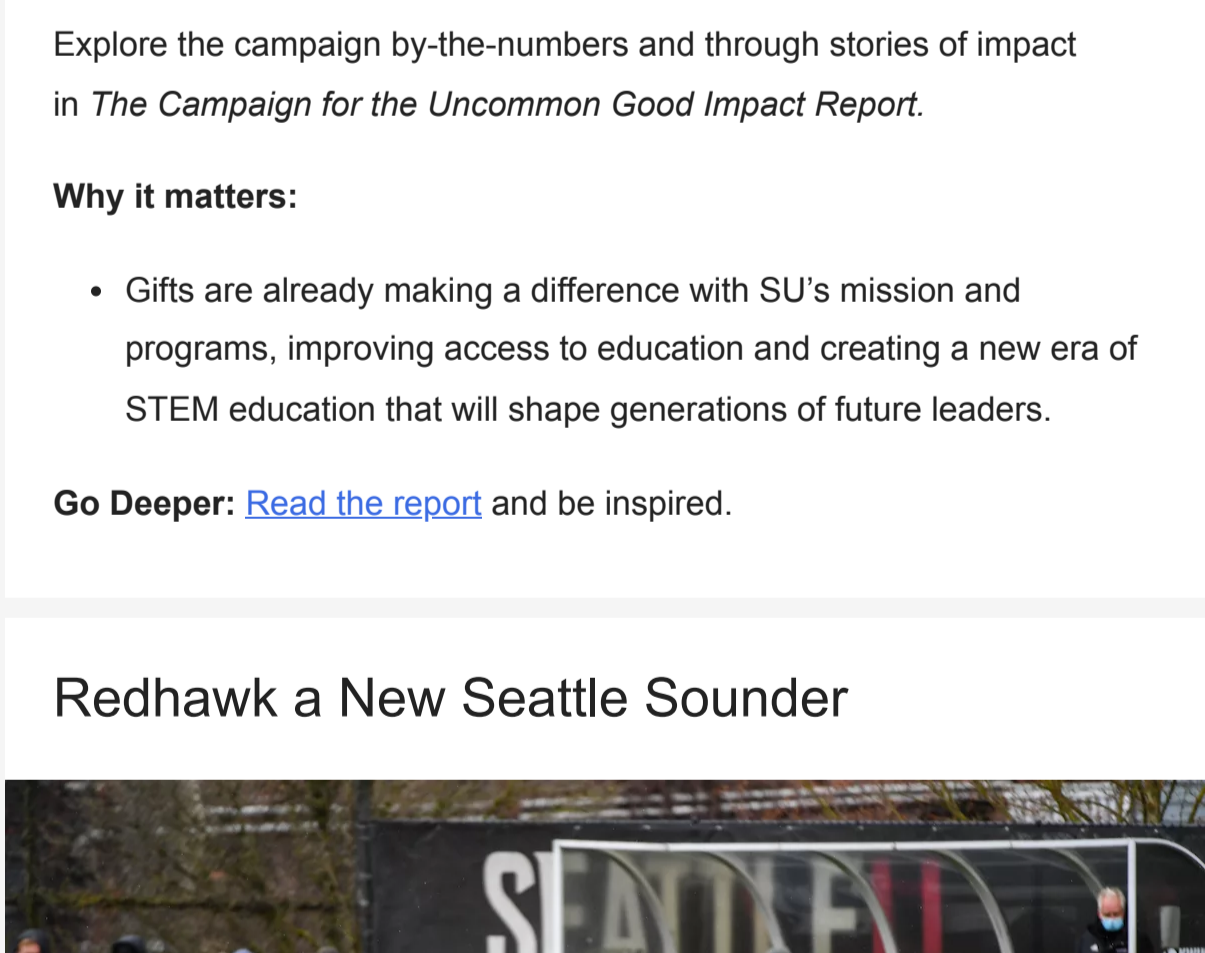
SU Scores for Eco-Friendly Agenda



Seattle University is featured as one of "10 Colleges and Universities That Support The Eco-Friendly Agenda" by *The Environmental Magazine*. The list includes institutions from around the world.

Go Deeper: Read more about SU's ranking [here](#).

Meet 22 in '22!



Seattle University President Eduardo Peñalver is coming soon to a city near you.

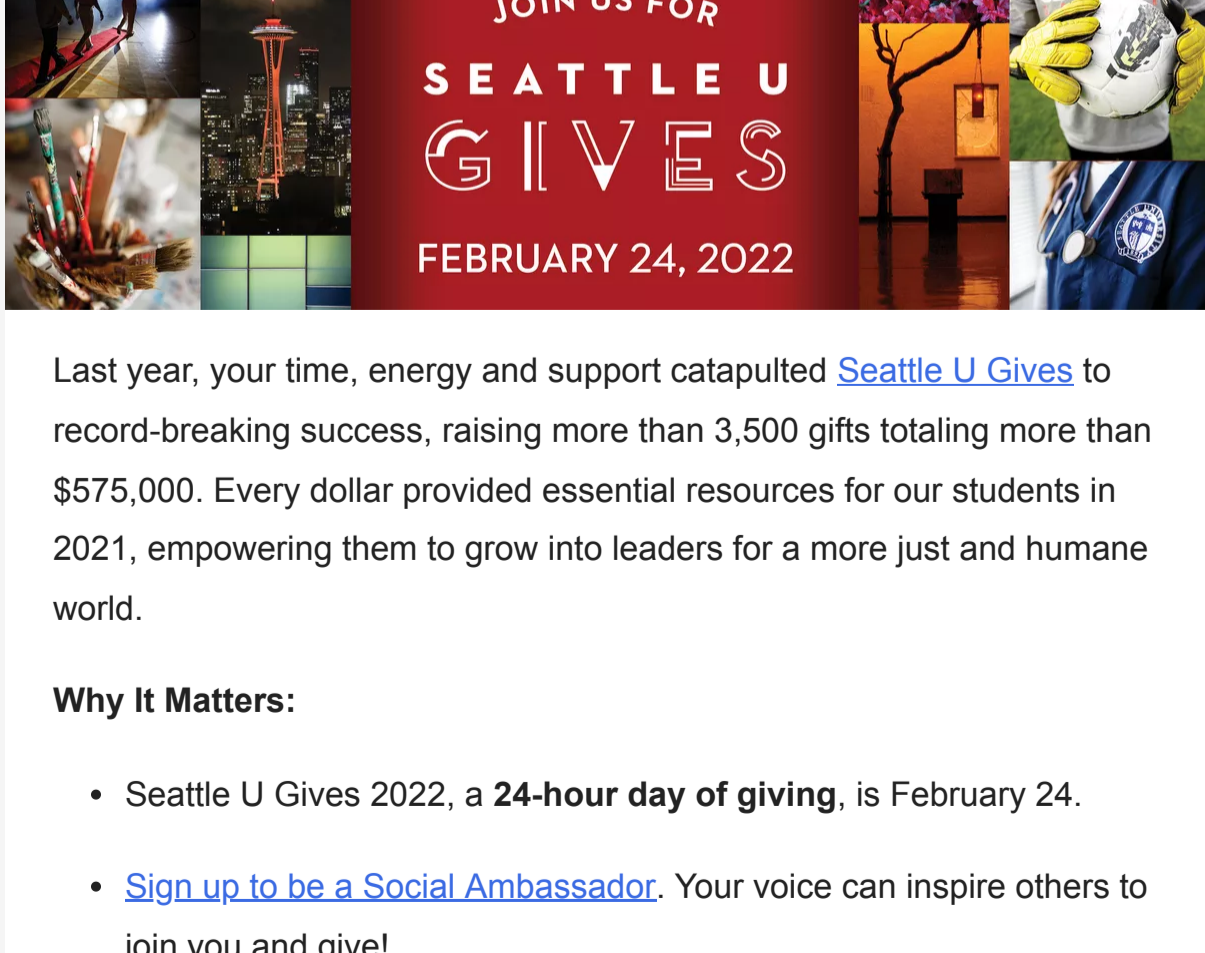
Since his inauguration as SU's 22nd president, Eduardo Peñalver has prioritized building relationships with the Seattle University community. To deepen those connections, he is visiting the cities and communities that you call home.

Why it matters:

- President Peñalver is hosting events in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Portland, Washington, D.C. and locations throughout Washington state.
- He will be joined by fellow Redhawks for an evening of fellowship, celebration and discussion about Seattle University's future.

Go Deeper: Get more details [here](#).

Stories of Impact in Campaign Report



Thank you to the more than 25,000 alumni and friends who supported the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Seattle University's history, which came to a successful close on June 30, 2021.

Explore the campaign by-the-numbers and through stories of impact in *The Campaign for the Uncommon Good Impact Report*.

Why it matters:

- Gifts are already making a difference with SU's mission and programs, improving access to education and creating a new era of STEM education that will shape generations of future leaders.

Go Deeper: [Read the report](#) and be inspired.

Redhawk a New Seattle Sounder

Hal Uderitz, '22

Men's soccer midfielder Hal Uderitz, '22, was selected by the Seattle Sounders in the MLS SuperDraft. He is the seventh player drafted in the last five years out of Seattle University—and the fourth Redhawk—drafted by the Sounders in that same time.

"I am thrilled for Hal and the Seattle Sounders," says Coach [Pete Fewing](#). "This has been a goal for Hal since he was young and I am really happy for him and his family."

Go Deeper: [Read more](#) about Uderitz and men's soccer.

Save the Date: Seattle U Gives

Last year, your time, energy and support catapulted [Seattle U Gives](#) to record-breaking success, raising more than 3,500 gifts totaling more than \$575,000. Every dollar provided essential resources for our students in 2021, empowering them to grow into leaders for a more just and humane world.

Why It Matters:

- Seattle U Gives 2022, a **24-hour day of giving**, is February 24.
- [Sign up to be a Social Ambassador](#). Your voice can inspire others to join you and give!

Go Deeper: [Read more](#) about Seattle U Gives and its meaningful impact.

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